

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
15 May 1996**

	The 333rd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Barbara L. Hampton, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Agenda:	The agenda was adopted as distributed.	6
Minutes:	The Minutes of April 10th and April 24th were approved as distributed.	7
Report by the President:	The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate:	8 9
	<u>General Announcements:</u>	10
	He said: "Within the next two weeks the applicants who have submitted proposals for both the staff development and the faculty incentive grants will be notified of the outcome. We received 48 proposals for the staff development competition and 31 proposals for the faculty incentive grants. It is expected and hoped that those who have been successful will also receive a check for the actual grant at the same time. The competition will be set up to happen twice a year, and there will be another notification in the fall semester. My thanks to the staff and faculty who have participated in the various review steps.	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
	The Alumni Association inducted 22 members into their Alumni Hall of Fame last weekend with special recognition to three prior Hunter alums. It was a wonderful weekend. Over a thousand people were assembled in the ballroom at the Sheridan. I used that occasion to remind everybody of the need to make a phone call or a visit to their State legislators. I will also remind each of you to again repeat that phone call, or visit, or letter, if you have not already done so.	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
	I appreciate hearing from the Senate concerning the fall weekend next October 18th and 19th, and will have more to say about that as the Fall semester starts. It will be low key, but at the same time I think it is an important event in the life of the College.	27 28 29 30
	<u>Re: Searches</u>	31
	I am pleased to inform you that Louise Sherby from the University of Missouri at Kansas City has accepted the offer to become the Director of the Library. She will be joining us in mid-August. Discussions continue with the Vice President for Administration candidates, and I hope to have word about that in the not too distant future.	32 33 34 35 36
	<u>Re: Budget</u>	37
	At this point your guess is as good as mine as to when the budget will be resolved at the State level. There are some signs that there is some movement. Apparently there is a discussion going on about a counter proposal from the Democrats which would restore some of the Governor's cuts, including some cuts in TAP and some base budget restorations. How much of that will finally happen depends on several things, including a discussion of what the revenue estimates are which has not yet been agreed to. It could happen very rapidly in a matter of days, or it could take much longer. My guess is that it will not be done before late June or early July — but perhaps I will be wrong. Now is a very appropriate time to do anything you can in terms of phone contacts, visits, and so forth. In talking with some of the legislators, they specifically mentioned the mail, phone calls, and visits they have received from the Hunter community. It is an excellent time to continue those and to step them up if at all possible.	38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51

Retrenchment Update:

The Retrenchment Committee continues to meet. It has not forwarded any recommendations to me yet. It has indicated that it will have recommendations for me by the end of this week. Those recommendations will be published and made available, hopefully, next Monday. There will be a series of Open Meetings next Wednesday for people to comment and discuss those recommendations. In a few minutes we will distribute an Open Line which lists the schedule and the procedure for discussion. There is no information on retrenchment, because no retrenchment recommendations have been forwarded. Once those are done they will be made available to everybody as quickly as possible during the first part of next week.

Reinvestment and Reorganization

On February 14th I talked about a variety of things, but there were two issues that really got everyone's interest and attention. The first was the proposal that we reinvest 1% per year by asking units to return 1% of the budget allocation and then have a chance to compete for it. It is clear to me, given the uncertainty over the budget and the fact that we are going to have major budget reductions this year, that it is inappropriate to go ahead with the 1% reinvestment plan. So, that has been shelved. I had instituted a four-step process. The first step was to get budget data back to chairs and programs in an agreement reached with the Budget Office as to exactly where each of those programs and departments were vis-a-vis what we thought budgets were and what they thought budgets were. The second step was to ask each of those chairs and programs to tell us what they felt they needed for their departments. Those first two steps are completed. That data is being analyzed and I will comment on it at the beginning of the fall semester in terms of what it really says, and where we really are, and how short we are. I am sure the shortfall is significant. The third and fourth step of that process — to identify the 1% and then to make suggestions as to how to compete for that 1% — have been cancelled for the time being.

Reorganization was the second question that received a lot of discussion. I am very appreciative of the comments that have come in. Most of them were very reflective in terms of offering proposals and suggestions, and I only received one drop dead type comment. I will come back in the beginning of the Fall semester with a series of proposals about restructuring and reorganization. Professor Hampton has forwarded to me a memorandum that she had received from the Master Plan Committee, recommending and requesting that I be sure to keep the Senate informed. I would like to do more than to keep the Senate informed. I would like the Senate to be the focal point for that discussion in the Fall. One of my summer projects is working on a series of reorganization options which I think we need to discuss. So, that will be forthcoming in the Fall.

Concluding Remarks:

I want to wish everyone a productive summer and a good end to what I am sure is going to be a very hectic end to the semester. I want you to know that I will be doing my best in the weeks and months ahead to get the maximum restorations to the budget, and also to protect Hunter as much as possible. I will be doing my best to get us off to a good and fast start in terms of this next budget year, so that we do not go into the year with some of the difficulties we had this past year.

I would like to thank the Senate as a body and each of you individually for your help. I appreciate the dialogue. I know that we have differed at times, but there is nothing wrong with that. In fact, I think its is healthy. I look forward to working with you in the future. I especially appreciate the help and assistance provided by the Chair and the Administrative Committee throughout the year in terms of communications."

**Report by the
Administrative
Committee:**

Professor Hampton presented the report as follows:

Election of Senate Officers

She yielded the floor to Vice Chair Ruth Couch.

Ms. Couch opened the floor for nominations for <u>Chair of the Senate</u> .	112																														
Professor Barbara L. Hampton (Music) was nominated.	113																														
It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.	114																														
It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried by hand vote, and Professor Hampton was elected Chair of the Senate.	115 116 117																														
Ms. Couch yielded the floor to the Chair.	118																														
The floor was open for nominations for <u>Vice Chair of the Senate</u> .	119																														
Ms. Ruth Couch was nominated, but declined the nomination.	120																														
It was moved that the election of Vice Chair be tabled until the Fall semester. The motion carried by hand vote.	121 122																														
The floor was open for nominations for <u>Secretary of the Senate</u> .	123																														
Professor Kenneth Sherrill (Political Science) was nominated.	124																														
It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.	125																														
It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried, and Professor Sherrill was elected Secretary of the Senate.	126 127 128																														
<u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u>	129																														
The following curriculum changes, as listed in Parts I, II, and III of the Report dated 15 May 1996, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items GR-415 (Communications), UR-974 (Geology & Geography), UR-978 (Chemistry), GS-408 and GS-413 (School of Nursing), GS-414 (Communications), GS-409 (Health Sciences/Communications Sciences), GS-410 (Music), GS-416 (Geology & Geography), US-962/GS-412 (Economics), US-965 (Education), US-967 A&B (Health Sciences/Community Health Education), US-970 (Health Sciences/Nutrition), US-971 (Mathematics/Physics/Chemistry), US-961 (Art), US-963 and US-964 (Music), and US-960 (School of Nursing).	130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138																														
<u>Senate Meeting Schedule for Fall 1996/Spring 1997</u>	139																														
The Senate meeting schedule for the following Wednesdays from 4:10 PM to 5:40 PM was approved by hand vote:	140 141																														
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<u>List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees</u>	152																														
Professor Hampton moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and degrees to be awarded in June 1996.	153 154																														
The motion carried by hand vote.	155																														
<u>Report by the Chair</u>	156																														
Professor Hampton said: "Professor Sherrill and I, in response to the resolution that we seek a political solution to Hunter's problems, met with Chancellor Reynolds and Vice Chancellor Rothbard, who is in charge of fiscal affairs. As a result the College was given certain credits that would decrease the \$11.5M budget cut to a considerably lesser amount. It appears to be an amount that	157 158 159 160 161																														

would not exceed what we had last year. The credits were for early retirement, credits from other lines that were lost, and credits from mid-year cuts where we did not have recurring expenditures. Professor Sherrill was especially instrumental in this process, and we owe him a debt of gratitude. We are hoping that this will make a difference. 162
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Committee Reports:

Master Plan Committee 167
The revised report of the Master Plan Committee dated 11 April 1996 concerning President Caputo's College Initiatives was submitted for the Senate's information. 168
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New Business:

In response to a question from the floor, Professor Hampton informed the Senate that she had distributed the Draft of the Report on Cross Registration and Coordinated Scheduling to a number of Senate Committee Chairs with a request to submit comments to her by the specified deadline of May 22nd, and that copies are available in the Senate Office. 171
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After discussion, Professor Beaujour moved for approval of the following resolution: 176
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate instruct its Administrative Committee to respond to the draft of the Report of the Working Group on Cross Registration and Coordinated Scheduling, taking into account responses from the Senate and the Hunter community at-large which will have reached the Administrative Committee in time for their consideration, and specifically address the question of equivalent and comparable courses. 178
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Professor Gilpatrick moved that the motion be amended as follows: 184

"and specifically consider the appropriateness of pointing out similarities with the repudiated Goldstein Report." 185
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After discussion the question was called and carried. 187

The amendment was approved by hand vote and became part of the main motion on the floor. 188
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The motion, as amended, was approved by hand vote. 190

Professor Sherrill moved for approval of the following resolution: 191

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate objects to the release of the Report of the Working Group on Cross Registration and Coordinated Scheduling during the final days of classes, and insists that proposals to restructure operations of the University in a significant fashion be released by the CUNY Central Administration in a manner that facilitates reasoned and widespread consideration of the reports by the entire academic community. 192
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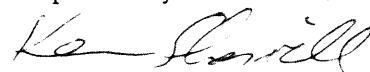
The question was called and carried. 199

The resolution was overwhelmingly approved by hand vote. 200

After discussion it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. 201

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM. 102

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Sherrill *ms*
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Anthropology:	William Parry Ida Susser Nancy Flowers	Dean Carlos Hortas Dean Erwin Fleissner Dean Hugh Scott Vice Pres. Sylvia Fishman Dean Michael Escott
Art:	Jeffrey Mongrain Emily Braun William Agee Peter Dudek	
Chemistry:	Charles Michael Drain Lynn Francesconi Richard Franck	Marva Constantine Ursula Gunther Shantih Brando Maureen Lane Clarissa Canadas Jeanne McMahon
Classics:	Adele Haft "E"	
Communications:	Gregory Morris Peter Parisi	David Wallach "E" Michael Hernandez
Curriculum & Teaching:	Dolores Fernandez Anthony Picciano Rosa Boone	Diana Frye Marta King Schiro Patricia Soobrian Danira Munari
Economics:	Howard Chernick Terence Agbeyegbe Nashwa George	Raynaldo Guzman Hyon K. Kim Mary Ann Dolan Gary Braglia
Educational Foundations:	Simi Linton	
English:	Allan Brick	
Geology & Geography:	Peter Combs "E"	
Health Sciences:	Deborah Blocker Beth Richie	
History:	Marta Petruszewicz	
Music:	Susan Gonzalez Richard Stieffel	
Nursing:	Margaret Lumney	
Philosophy:	Laura Keating	
Physics & Astronomy:	Robert Marino	
Psychology:	Robert Fried Phil Ziegler	
Social Work:	Eleanor Bromberg Malka Sternberg	
Sociology:	Ruth Sidel Yaffa Schlesinger	
Student Services:	Howard Tarragon Reva Cohen "E" Madlyn Stokely	
Urban Affairs:	Sigmund Shipp	